

of age and marks in the qualifying examination are also available for SCST students in some of the RECs. The percentage of actual admissions of SCST candidates vary widely in different RECs, Courses and in different years.

Construction of building for NBT

1484. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a prestigious institution like National Book Trust, continues to be housed in a rented building all these years;

(b) whether there is any proposal to move the Trust into a building of its own; and

(c) if so, how long would it take Government to facilitate it?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir. There is a proposal to move the Trust into a building of its own.

(c) The construction work on the site at Institutional Area, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi commenced in March, 2000. The CPWD has given twenty-four months time to complete the construction work.

Approval of Engineering and Technical (DEG.) Institutions

1485. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Engineering and Technical (Deg.) Institutions have been approved, State-wise;

(b) what is the intake of each State in Degree Courses in Engineering and Technical Courses from 1996 to 2000;

(c) whether it is a fact that under the pretext of reviewing the scenario of technical education in the country, AICTE